## **ORDINANCE # 1902-2015**

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GALLOWAY, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, SETTING SEWER USER RATES, CLASSIFICATIONS AND CONNECTION FEES

WHEREAS, Chapter 281 of the Code of the Township of Galloway sets forth the sewer usage rates applicable to buildings or facilities connected to the Township's sewerage system and establishes the connection fees to be charged in conjunction with new connections to the system; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:26A-11 requires the Township to recalculate the connection fees at the end of each budget year, utilizing the method established in said statute; and

WHEREAS, based on information provided by the Township's Chief Financial Officer and Superintendent of Utilities the Township has recalculated the proposed connection fee for 2015 in addition to reviewing user rates and classifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of amending Chapter 281 of the Code of the Township of Galloway based on this review and calculation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Galloway, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. Section 281-30A of the Code of the Township of Galloway entitled "Schedule of Rates" is hereby amended as follows:
  - A. Residential users. Residential sewer connections shall be charged at an annual rate of \$385 per domestic consumer unit, payable quarterly following the schedule which hereinafter follows:

[Amended 9-4-1984 by Ord. No. 773; 2-23-1993 by Ord. No. 1106; 6-9-1993 by Ord. No. 1126; 7-27-1993 by Ord. No. 1132; 2-8-1994 by Ord. No. 1155; 12-14-1995 by Ord. No. 1193; 2-25-1997 by Ord. No. 1287; 5-27-1997 by Ord. No. 1300; 6-9-1998 by Ord. No. 1346; 3-9-1999 by Ord. No. 1385; 6-23-2009 by Ord. 1790; 1-24-2012 by Ord. No. 1842]

Type of Structure	Equivalent Domestic	
	Consumer Units	
Apartment House, for each living unit	1	
Apartments, for each living unit	1	
Cabin for rent, whether attached or detached, for each	1	
living unit		
Condominium, for each living unit	1	
Hotel / Motel, for each living unit	1/2	
Mobile home	1	
Multiple-family dwelling, townhouse	1;	
Rented rooms, for each room available for rent	1/2	
Dormitory rooms, for each living unit	3/4	
Single-family dwelling	1	
Single-family dwelling with place of business	2	
Hospital or nursing home bed, each bed	1/2	

- 2. Section 281-30E of the Code of the Township of Galloway, entitled "Metered Rates" is hereby amended to standardize the rate per domestic consumer unit for all metered flows regardless of the total amount of flow from the metered facility, and shall read as follows:
  - E. Metered Rates. The rate for all nonresidential users that install a metering system shall be the same rate per domestic consumer unit (DCU) as the rate for all nonresidential users as specified in Section 281-30B. The type of metering system and the installation thereof shall be subject to the prior approval of the Municipal Engineer.

    [Added 8-20-1985 by Ord. No. 808; amended 2-23-1993 by Ord. No. 1106; 6-9-1993 by Ord. No. 1126; 2-8-1994 by Ord. No. 1155; 2-14-1995 by Ord. No.

[Added 8-20-1985 by Ord. No. 808; amended 2-23-1993 by Ord. No. 1106; 6-9-1993 by Ord. No. 1126; 2-8-1994 by Ord. No. 1155; 2-14-1995 by Ord. No. 1193, 3-25-1997 by Ord. No. 1287; 6-9-1998 by Ord. No. 1346; 3-9-1999 by Ord. No. 1385; 6-23-2009 by Ord. No. 1790; 1-24-2012; 1-24-2012 by Ord. No. 1842]

3. Section 281-31 of the Code of the Township of Galloway, entitled "Connection Charges", is hereby amended to change the charge for connecting to the Township's sewerage system, and shall read as follows:

[Amended 9-21-82 by Ord. 703; 9-4-1984 by Ord. No. 773; 3-13-1990 by Ord. No. 991; 7-27-1993 by Ord. No. 1132; 2-25-1997 by Ord. No. 1287; 5-27-1997 by Ord. No. 1299; 3-9-1999 by Ord. No. 1385; 4-25-2000 by Ord. No. 1420; 6-23-2009 by Ord. No. 1790] A connection charge in the amount of \$2,800.00 will be made per domestic consumer unit for any new or existing construction, except for any streets that currently have existing dry sewer for which the connection charge is \$1,500.00. A partial payment plan is available with an initial down payment of 1/2 and the balance to be due and payable on the next billing cycle but not to exceed six months or defer the first payment for six months and the final payment to be due and payable on the next billing cycle but not to exceed six months. The partial payment plan is available for existing homes, excluding new construction and businesses.

A. Residential and nonresidential users.

[Amended 2-8-1994 by Ord. No. 1155; 11-26-2002 by Ord. No. 1519; 6-28-2005 by Ord. No. 1609; 7-24-2007 by Ord. No. 1720]

## **Consumer Units** Residential: Apartment House, for each living unit Apartments, for each living unit 1 Cabin for rent, whether attached or detached, for each 1 living unit Condominium, for each living unit 1 Hotel / Motel, for each living unit 1/2 Mobile home 1 Multiple-family dwelling, townhouse 1 Rented rooms, for each room available for rent 1/2 Dormitory rooms, for each living unit 3/4 Single-family dwelling 1 Single-family dwelling with place of business 2 Nonresidential: Churches 1 Diner, tavern or restaurant: Seating capacity of 1 to 25 1 3 Seating capacity of 26 to 50 Each additional 15-seat capacity or segment thereof 1 Gymnasiums in schools, etc. 2 1/2 Hospital or nursing home bed, each bed Laundromat or self-service laundry: For each washer of not more than 12 pounds' capacity 1/4 1/2 For each washer over 12 pounds capacity Public buildings, municipal 2 Schools, for each 30 pupils and faculty 1 Service stations without car-washing facilities 1 Service stations with car-washing facilities 2 Service and/or civic organizations 1 2 Service and /or civic organizations with bar and/or restaurant facilities 1 Supermarkets, for each 5 employees or segment thereof

**Equivalent Domestic** 

Class of Use

- 4. Section 281-31D of the Code of the Township of Galloway, entitled "Alternate connection fee for non-residential users" is hereby amended to standardize the connection fee per domestic consumer unit for all metered flows regardless of the total amount of flow from the metered facility, and shall read as follows:
  - Connection fee for nonresidential users.
     [Added 1-28-1986 by Ord. No. 818; amended 3-13-1990 by Ord. No. 991]
    - (1) There shall be a connection fee required for any nonresidential user that installs a metering system for any new sewer hookup. The type of metering system and the installation thereof shall be subject to the prior approval of the Municipal Engineer. At the time of hookup, said user shall pay the same rate per domestic consumer unit (DCU) as the rate for all non-residential users as specified in Section 281-30B based on an

estimated usage determined by the Township Engineer. Thereafter, not prior to the completion of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of operation of the metering system and not subsequent to the 14<sup>th</sup> month of said metering system, an adjustment shall be made, either upward or downward as the case may be, on the connection fee charged, based upon the number of gallons per day of flow during the previous approximate twelve-month period.

The number of equivalent domestic consumer units to be multiplied by the connection fee for nonresidential users shall be determined by dividing the actual number of gallons per year by 75,000.

[Amended 7-27-1993 by Ord. No. 1132; 2-25-1997 by Ord. No. 1287; 3-9-1999 by Ord. No. 1385; 4-25-2000 by Ord. No. 1420]

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** this Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and approval in the time and manner as prescribed by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed the first reading at a meeting of the Township Council, Township of Galloway, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, held on January 20, 2015 and said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing to be held at the Municipal Complex located at 300 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Galloway, New Jersey 08205 on February 10, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

BY ORDER OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GALLOWAY

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**Acting Twp Clerk** 

Recorded Vote:	MOTIONS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Coppola		X			
Gargione	1	X			
Gorman	2	X			
Maldonado		X			
Meadows					X
Tyrrell				X	
Purdy		X			